MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, March 26, 2012

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 16th, 2012 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

POSITION TITLE: Fisheries Fieldworker # **OF POSITIONS:** One

LOCATION(S): Billings

WORK START/END DATES: May 9th, 2012- August 17th, 2012

HOURS/WEEK: 30 hrs/week (average)

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 9th, 2012

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC: \$10/hour up to 520 hours.

Perdiem will be allowed following Montana State Fish Wildlife and Parks policies.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The successful applicant will assist MTFWP and Rocky Mountain College staff in sampling Pryor Creek to determine fisheries changes as a result of dam removal at the confluence. This will require the incumbent to be able to assist with pulling seines, the use of traps, and electrofishing. The incumbent must be able to assist with habitat evaluations in Pryor Creek which includes measuring sections, characterizing substrates, measuring flows, and using various meters to measure water quality. In addition the incumbent will assist MTFWP staff with regional activities which may include large river netting, trapping, and electrofishing, smaller stream drift boat and backpack shocking, seining and trapping, and reservoir netting. The successful applicant must be able to use a GPS, maps, water and substrate samplers, and various other fish, water, and habitat measurement tools, and be willing to clean and maintain equipment.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Education: must be enrolled in college with preference given to students in natural resource management, biology, zoology, and or other associated fields.

Ability: must be physically able to carry 50 lbs for several hundred yards at a time. The incumbent must be

a good team member, able to take directions, occasionally work independently, and be willing to work at times in remote locations.

Additional information: course work including identification of Montana fish will be given additional points.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, **ETC.):**

Applicant must include:

- 1. Resume including
 - a. Contact information
 - b. Objective for applying

 - c. Work experienced. Educational experience with average GPA
 - e. Skills
 - f. Minimum of 2 references
- 2. Answer supplemental questions.
 - a. What is your favorite Montana fish and why?
 - b. What is your least favorite Montana fish and why?
 - c. Most successful applicants ask for time off for special events or activities in the summer, what time periods would you hope to have open to allow for those events or activities From May 7th to August 17th?

Please send to contact person listed above.